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SUBJECT: MBFR: PRESS POLICY

REFS: (A) VIENNA 8459; (B) VIENNA 8460; (C) VIENNA 8564;

(D) VIENNA 8581; (E) NATO 4695

1. WE ASSUME VIENNA WILL TAKE LEAD IN STATEMENTS AND BRIEFINGS OF PRESS ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING OCTOBER 30, AND THAT THESE STATEMENTS AND BRIEFINGS WILL BE COORDINATED IN AD HOC GROUP. WE WILL WISH TO ENSURE THAT WHATEVER WE MAY SAY HERE TO THE PRESS IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS OR ON BACKGROUND BASIS IS CONSISTENT WITH LINE TAKEN IN VIENNA.

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2. WE NOTE GENERAL AHG CONSENSUS THAT GENERAL THEMES A-E OF US ANNEX TO CM 73-80 (REF E) COULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR PRESS BRIEFINGS AND HAVE REVIEWED TEXT OF PAPER ON ALLIED PRESS TACTICS (REF C). WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (REF B) AND PRESS BACK-GRINDER (REF D) AND AGREE WITH THEIR SUBSTANCE. ALL THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR PRESS BRIEFING PREPARATIONS HERE. WE WILL ALSO WISH TO BE INFORMED OF STATEMENTS YOU MAY MAKE TO PRESS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATEMENTS MADE HERE.

3. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING IN ADVANCE ANY STATEMENT WHICH AHG SPOKESMAN WILL MAKE ON OCCASION OF OPENING SESSION.

4. REGARDING USE OF DATA IN PRESS STATEMENTS (REF B), WE AGREE THAT UNTIL OCT. 30 IT IS SUFFICIENT TO DESCRIBE MILITARY STRENGTHS IN GENERAL TERMS WITHOUT THE USE OF NUMBERS. WE BELIEVE THAT AFTER OCT. 30 IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO BE ABLE TO USE CERTAIN SPECIFIC FIGURES AND HAVE THIS PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE. RUSH

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